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APS Rules Out Shysters, Phoney Issues

First Day Covers With Lots Of Color And Attractive Designs

Some outstanding and colorful designs were used by H. "Cap" Fluegel, P. O. Box 646, Franklin Sta., Washington 4, D. C. for three recent events on the philatelic calendar. Collectors who have been around in the first day cover field are wont to recognize a Fluegel cover because of the action tied into the design of the cachet and the profuse amount of attractive coloring in which they are printed. The ones at hand are for the first days of the 25¢ new air mail from San Francisco on July 30, the Utah stamp at Salt Lake City on July 24 and the commemorative cachets from Annapolis, Md. on the occasion of the Bicentennial of John Paul Jones birthday. They certainly show up well on a black album page.

British Clamp Down On Barter Transactions For Commonwealth Stamps

While the daily papers have been full of the refusal of the Movie Makers of the United States to send their product to England because of the 75% tax on the profits, something equally as drastic has taken place affecting stamp deals. This took effect on August 1, when a new regulation went into law prohibiting the bartering in stamps with any country outside of the sterling area. Included in this restriction are current mint British stamps. The effect of this regulation is to withdraw the concession made in August 1946 under which certain contracts previously made were allowed to be completed.

Countries in the sterling area include all the Dominions and Colonies, Erie, Iraq, Iceland and the Faroe Islands, with the exception of Canada and Newfoundland. These nations can make imports within the sterling area under an open general license, the effect of which is that stamps may be imported without special import permits and without passing through the control. All other countries must go through a tremendous amount of red tape to complete a barter transaction.

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The committee of the Wichita Stamp Club, S.P.A. Branch No. 1, which arranged three full days of pure philatelic enjoyment for those who come to Wichita, Kans. August 29 to 31 for the fifty-third annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans at the Hotel Broadview. Back row: Ted Gore, advertising; J. Y. Lloyd Jr., construction; Donald Eberhardt, construction; Lee H. Cornell, general chairman; Jack Slattery, entertainment; Walter R. Bartling, Bourse; John W. Graves, reception; Hal M. Brewer, publicity. Seated: Marc C. Clapp, exhibition; Hugh L. Smiley, seals and cachets; Judy Lloyd, Ladies entertainment; Mildred Graves, registration; Marie Higgins, ladies entertainment; Don Higgins, credentials.

Belgium Semi-Postals Will Not Be Listed In The Gibbons Catalogue

We learn from Stanley A. Garnett of Bramhall, Cheshire, England, that the collectors of that country are banning many of the recently issued semi-postal sets and special high valued issues of Belgium. Mr. Garnett is authority also for the statement that Stanley Gibbons Ltd., have gone on record as refusing to list these issues in their well known Gibbon's Catalog. A new racket is also flourishing in Belgium, according to Mr. Garrett, whereby special stamps for special flights are printed, usually only 1,000 in number. Therefore only 1,000 covers can be flown.

It is to be regretted that Belgium is resorting to this type of tactics for financial gain. It is a country that has been favored to a large extent by many collectors because of their beautiful semi-postal stamps. While these stamps were for the most part created especially for collectors and for the financial gain of the government there, collectors were willing to overlook this fact because the charges for the stamps remained quite nominal and they were legitimately produced. This policy now seems to have been abandoned by the Belgian government.

FOREIGN WHOLESALE BUSINESS ESTABLISHED

After 20 years of association with the H. E. Harris & Co. of Boston, Mass., D. D. Sweetser who served this firm in the capacity of importing agent, has now established his own business. He will engage in the wholesaling of foreign stamps. Mr. Sweetser will be located at 2 Hilltop Ave., Lexington 73, Mass. where he will welcome his old and new friends and customers.

It's A Boy At The Allison Severe's In Baltimore

Mr. and Mrs. Allison M. Severe of Baltimore, Md. are to be congratulated on the birth of a 7 lb. 11 oz. boy at John Hopkins Hospital on Saturday, August 9. The new arrival has already been catalogued and will answer to the name of Theodore Earl. We sorta suspect that the proud parents knew all the time that the stork was on his way, because the clever birth announcement and the attractive envelope in which it was carried wasn't gotten up in five minutes.

Papa Severe has prepared a dandy article for the readers of Linn's which has been in our hands for several weeks. This is scheduled for publication in the September 15 issue and is one that is most timely and appropriate. Watch for it.

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The American Philatelic Society Adopts A Declaration Of Principles Regarding Illegitimate Stamp Issues

With something approaching the widest grin that we have ever grinned, we are pleased to receive a copy of the resolution passed by the American Philatelic Society recently in convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. This resolution and declaration of principles regarding illegitimate stamp issues was adopted by the Society on August 15. Here at Linn's Weekly Stamp News, we feel that it is the beginning of a beautiful dream coming true, because for a long time this paper stood alone in its battle to clean the hobby of the present wave of tainted stamp issues.

Even today, there are not more than two of the other stamp papers interested in letting their collector-readers know what is going on. One of these is letting its readers know what is taking place in the column of one of its better writers rather than in any editorial comment. The resolution that was passed is as follows:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

AND RESOLUTION

As to ILLEGITIMATE STAMP ISSUES Adopted by the 61st Annual Convention of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, August 15, 1947.

WHEREAS, certain countries have issued, or are now from time to time issuing postage stamps in such small quantities as to render it impossible for all interested stamp collectors to obtain copies of the same, especially stamps of high denominations not demanded for actual reasonable postal use; and

WHEREAS certain governments have sold to one person all, or practically all, of certain of their issues, without offering said stamps for general sale in the country of issue for postal use, thus giving the person or persons purchasing said whole issues a monopoly on the re-sale of said stamps at prices far above their face value, the sole object being to reap an unwarranted profit since no competition is possible; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the American Philatelic Society in convention assembled in Pittsburgh, Pa., that the issue by any government of postage stamps in limited numbers or of high denominations not needed for postal use in the country of issue, when practically the entire issue is sold to a person or group of persons to the exclusion of others, is unconscionable, and that postage stamps so issued and sold are not bona fide postal issues, and do not deserve a place in any catalog of postage stamps; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is questionable business practice for any person or group of persons to buy up all or partially all of an issue of postage stamp to obtain a monopoly on the sale of said stamps, at such prices as he or they may fix and control; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Philatelic Society acting through its board of vice presidents, take disciplinary action against any member shown to have purchased or participated in the purchase of entire or practically entire issues of postage stamps under conditions recited in these resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the president do appoint a committee of three members of which one shall

be a dealer, to act for a period concurrent with his own term of office, which committee shall be known as THE NEW ISSUES COMMITTEE. This committee, empowered to appoint such assistants as it may deem expedient, shall examine into the facts associated with all new issues of stamps, including their authorization and the facts relatively to their being made available to the public and as expeditiously as possible render a factual report to be filed with the executive secretary of the American Philatelic Society; and

IT SHALL BE THE FURTHER DUTY of the committee through and with the approval of the President of the American Philatelic Society, if the fact disclose circumstances deemed detrimental to the Philatelic hobby, to advise the appropriate authorities of the issuing government of the irregularity disclosed, together with an expression of the hope that such irregularity be rectified and that its repetition be avoided in the future.

The New Issue Committee may, in its discretion, offer its findings or comment in regard to them to the editor of the American Philatelist and/or such other publications as may be interested."

When an organization as responsible as the American Philatelic Society notes that things in the stamp world are not according to the best business practices, and makes measures to better these conditions, it is just about time that some of our luke-warm compatriots stop their drivel and explanations in their house organs and otherwise. If they want to sell these issues and get stuck with a load of them that is their business. But to waste column upon column of their house organs trying to justify something that just can't be justified is a waste of good space that could be devoted to the selling of stamps.

Collectors that have had doubts about the news that has appeared on the various tainted stamp issues should be assured that these do exist, and that they should be guided accordingly. There are only a very small number of these speculative stamps that one does not have to buy in order to help support the movement for their suppression. Collectors have at least 200,000 stamps others than these, of good repute, in which they can put their money.

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55/57	(3) ..	.45	E1/2 (2) ..	.40
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*77/79	(3) ..	.08	E5/6 (2) ..	.18
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Finis For Mr. Tiger

Last week we published a letter which came from attorneys who claimed to represent Mr. Tiger. At that time we did not have a copy of the July Stamp Wholesaler which contained the charges Mr. Tiger had made against our paper



GEO. LINN reference to our editorial of July 28 which was headed "Maliciously Dishonest or Ignorant." This was with reference to a published statement in the July 10 Stamp Wholesaler wherein Mr. Tiger said, quote "To my knowledge Linn's is the only paper that continues to accept such wholesale offerings."

Based on facts it was clearly evident to us that such a statement was either dishonest or it was made due to ignorance of the writer. We would be the last to want to believe that Mr. Tiger would deliberately make a dishonest statement and we are told by Mr. Tiger that the statement was printed solely because of his ignorance of facts at that time. For in the August 10 Stamp Wholesaler we find this statement by Mr. Tiger, quote "I now find that Linn's isn't the only periodical which ran the Held Brothers ad." etc. This is hidden away in another small paragraph, a very poor apology for the publication of the original charge against our paper, yet a clear admission that Mr. Tiger was ignorant of the fact that two other papers were printing the ad. at the same time we were printing it, and of course a frank statement by Mr. Tiger that it was not dishonesty, but ignorance that prompted the statement by him. There is no excuse for this ignorance on the part of a man who has prided himself on his thoroughness in charting the events of Philately, for the story was there for him to learn just as we learned it and only an apparent eagerness to smear our paper may have kept Mr. Tiger from searching for and finding the facts before he printed his statement.

With this explanation which is borne out of printed statements by Mr. Tiger himself, we will let the matter rest and hope that we will not have to bring this matter into our columns again. We have no desire to fight with Mr. Tiger or with anyone else. We do intend however to uphold and defend our paper and its policies and we are highly appreciative of many letters and some telegrams besides the many personal assurances of support which were made to us at Pittsburgh during the APS convention.

Twastew Hot

Yes, it was too hot and it still is too hot as we write this copy. However, we did go to Pittsburgh. Mrs. Linn and I drove over on Tuesday, nearly got melted on the way and suffered there for two days when we decided to return to Sidney where we could let our hair down in our own back yard and get at least a little relief. We believe that there ought to be a movement to start holding stamp society conventions in October in the future. The A.P.S. is an adult organization, few of the men there brought their wives and the few who did bring their wives didn't have any young children left at home to be taken care of so the old thought about holding the convention before school time can be ruled out and it could be held in October in comfort. We pity the SPA boys who went to Wichita.

We Would Like To Know

Now that the Centenary Exhibition is over, when will the committee in charge make a financial report. We know that a profit was made and we believe that those like ourselves who contributed financially, would like to see a report and know what is going to be done with the surplus.

VOX POP

Dear Mr. Linn:

As I see the problem regarding the stamp catalogue, collectors are divided into two groups—Those that have and those that have not. The haves comprise that small percentage who have an up to date catalogue, or a recent issue, and who read one or more of the stamp periodicals. The have nots are the large percentage who either have no catalogue or a very old one, and rarely, if ever, see one of the stamp papers. There is of course a small group in between these two extremes.

The solution of this problem is not easy and may require considerable study by a group of well qualified experts, who will probably recommend that the stamp business be subsidized. A subsidy fund should be raised from those who are now profiting from stamp collectors and who have the most to gain or lose. The large stamp dealer will probably not approve of this idea, as their chief source of income is from the haves. At the recent Centennial exhibition, I talked to a large New York dealer who told me that his booth had sold over \$12,000 worth of stamps in the first three days of the show—and—that he had brought no items under \$50 to the show.

If an endeavor to raise funds in proportion to the profit now derived, the largest contributor would be Uncle Sam whose Philatelic Agency reaps a tremendous profit from sales to stamp collectors. A stamp sold by them is nothing more than a receipt of payment for specified services to be rendered, and if the holders of these receipts do not call for the service to which they are entitled, the amount paid for this receipt (stamp) represents 99-99/100% profit.

In recent years there has been a large increase in the selling of GIFT CERTIFICATES, which enable the recipient to make personal selection. Suppose this is eventually created a new hobby, the collecting of gift certificates, and these certificates were put into collections instead of being exchanged for merchandise. If and when the business firms issuing these gift certificates were satisfied that only a small percentage of their gift certificates would ever be redeemed, they would be willing to spend considerable real money to popularize the hobby of collecting them.

If this matter was properly presented to the proper people in Washington by the proper representatives of the stamp fraternity, they may be convinced that a subsidy will eventually increase the profit of the Philatelic Agency far beyond the amount of any subsidy.

This amount collected could be allotted to stamp catalogues in order to bring the price within the reach of the have nots and it might even be feasible to divide the catalogue into 10 or more groups and have these small catalogues issued with heavy paper covers to sell at a very low price. Stamp periodicals could be subsidized if they have been established for a certain number of years and have a minimum paid circulation, and subscription rates lowered.

If nothing is done soon, the eventual result will be fewer of those who have and a large increase in the number of have nots, further increased if there are new collectors added. These have nots are now and will be more at the mercy of the cheap approval dealers (of which alas we have too many) who will sell them stamps of little or no value and the price will be gauged entirely by the attractiveness of the stamps and not by the real value. In this, they will be ably assisted by the various governments, who will issue attractive pieces of paper and call them stamps, and see that there is sufficient publicity to attract many of these have nots.

Yours very truly
Henry M. Friedman
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(Editor's Note:—The above letter contains some startling ideas which on first thought might appear quite radical to the stamp trade. Nevertheless, it is an approach which has not, as far as we know, ever been made before, and like a lot of other ideas on this same subject has merit. Something must be done about the annual stamp catalog, and must be done soon because, as a reference work it is losing its standing. When collectors can't afford to buy a copy, or through scarcity can't obtain a copy, the good of the catalog begins to dwindle to collectors and dealers

both. Neither then can know what the other speaks of if the catalog is used as a base of understanding, because people just won't have a catalog to check or explain their wants and terms.)

Philatelic Society Of Mexico Battled P. O. On The Centenary Set

Another national organization of stamp collectors that are to be congratulated on their fight and watchfulness to keep the hobby of collecting stamps clean is the Sociedad Filatélica Mexicana. Only recently, in the columns of this paper we were pleased to note that the national society of Belgian collectors had come out in condemnation of the stamp issuing practices of that government. At the convention of the American Philatelic Society, this organization went on record with a resolution outlining action that it will take in dealing with illegitimate issues and the people who handle them.

The Sociedad Filatélica Mexicana have been fighting the tendency of the Mexican Post Office Department to produce limited issues with high valued stamps which are not actually needed. So far they have been rather successful. Their most recent battle with the powers that be in the Mexican Postal Administration was over the set to be issued in commemoration of the Centenary Of United States Postage stamps.

As collectors now know it, this set contains two ordinary stamps and three Air Mails, with a face value of 1.80 Pesos. It depicted the late President Roosevelt, the first Mexican stamps and the first United States stamps. The Mexican P. O. issued a decree on May 17 that there would be a printing of 50,000 sets even though they had on hand paid orders for 65,000 sets. With this official information given personally to the president of the Society, Justinio Fernandez, by the head of the Mexican Post Office Department immediate, tation was started to change the amount of stamps to be printed.

The Society based its plea for a change in the amount of stamps to be printed in that such an issue was an easy matter for speculation. Their representations in the matter was recognized to be valid by the Postal Administration, and the number of complete sets printed was upped to 250,000. The Society also urged that in the future that people without any commercial interest in a set of stamps be consulted as the amount that should be printed and the approximate values of such a series taking into consideration the postal needs of the country.

The secretary of the Society, Jaime Pons, goes on record with the statement that the only persons responsible for the change in attitude of the officials of the Post Office Department were Guillermo Fuentes, president of the Mexican Philatelic Association, and C. Ruiz Perez, well known stamp dealer of Mexico City. The Sociedad Filatélica Mexicana and the various individuals concerned are to be commended for their diligence in trying to keep Mexican Postal Emissions clean and non-speculative.

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The Old Professor Gives Out With Some Thoughts On First Day Covers**

by Carl P. Rueh

"Two guys wrote in with a lot of arguments about First Day Covers and they want to know who's right. One says that anyone who collects First Day Covers is nuts and is wasting money, while the other fellow says that he is engaged in a legitimate form of collecting that provides a lot of fun."

While I stood there waiting for the Old Professor's reaction to the above statement, he continued to study the collar on a glass of amber colored "pop" which he had just poured out of a colorful can.

"Better yet I should die a natural death than protrude my neck into such a buzz saw of controversy" he opined in dialect. "Besides, which, he just went out the back door with his suitcase and said he was going to China for fifteen years. So come back then," he urged.

"Come my courageous counsellor", I beseeched, "all those scars on the back of your long neck didn't come from dodging problems. If I know you at all, you're probably wound up like an eight day clock just hoping that someone comes along to whom you can unburden an idea, or two. You certainly couldn't have changed over night."

Pausing just long enough to provide me with a glass and with a can of "pop" which he selected from a bucketful of them all snuggled into little nests of cracked ice, he indicated his willingness to consider this newest problem which I had brought to his attention.

"Where is this letter, or letters where these fellows are shouting at each other with ink and pens" he asked.

As I handed the letters to him, I relaxed even more comfortably into the well cushioned lounge chair, several of which the Old Professor had placed in his favorite loafing place. This spot was under the large apple tree in the southwest corner of his spacious lawn. While he read the letters, I sipped the "pop" and enjoyed my lazy feeling.

"From what I can gather from the letters of these two fellows," began the Old Professor, "they're more interested in making a noise than in advancing any substantial arguments to prove their points. As I get it, one is apparently very much enthused with the collection of first day covers, and the other wouldn't touch one with a twenty foot pole."

"Both are a little too hot under the collar to be rational, because they both miss the point of collecting in the first place. As I see it, if a fellow has an intense love for stamps, covers, girls, milk bottle tops or beer bottles he'll collect as many of them as possible and be proud of every little item in his accumulation."

"The girls aren't going to like your putting them in the same classification as bottle tops and beer bottles," I interrupted.

"Let them write in about it," he asserted boldly, "I need some new addresses and telephone numbers anyhow." And after looking quickly about, added, "I hope the Mrs. didn't hear that."

"Continue, rheumatic romeo," I jibed, "Let's proceed with the problem at hand."

"So if a person likes what he is collecting an awful lot and gets a stimulating boost to his pride, and at the same time gets a lot of recreation and a change of mental scenery, then that hobby or pursuit is good for that person. Under these conditions and with that assumption a person collecting First Day Covers intelligently and within his means is probably adding years onto his life. Fundamentally then, intelligent and stimulating hobbying in any branch of activity is good."

"What the dissenter has in mind when he down's cover collecting, is the thought that as an investment, covers of the First Day variety don't rate very well. There is hardly any way of proving this one way or another. But one thing is quite apparent, and that is that there are more people collecting

say that if a person got a kick out of collecting covers or anything else that they should go to it in their own tastes and within their own financial limits. They should forget the investment angle and the striving to get rich from the hobby. They should collect what they want, when they want it and as they want it. That course in my opinion will get a person the most fun out of any hobby."

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Having spent the last several weeks looking at auction material being put together for sale at a later date, it is wondered if anyone realizes the work involved in putting together one of these sales.

The gathering of the material, the sorting as to best condition, putting material in numerical order, then comes the working into a fine description that leaves very little doubt as to the merits of stamps involved. Very many times it is a case of under-estimating the stamp as to condition and the merits of that particular stamp. This is probably as it should be, as no matter how good or bad the description is, there will be always be a certain element of collectors that will take the auctioneer to task for a seemingly mistake in the wording. To please the majority of bidders seems to be the task and that is a good hard job and very little credit is given for the work behind that type of labor.

The material seems to have run in the thousands of dollars, in so far as catalogue value is concerned for the large sale. But how many times it was observed that at no time was the actual value of the stamps really brought out, compared to a low catalog price. The catalog on some of the early material involved, was so ridiculously off, that it was not even funny. To see the early U.S. 5c and 10c 1847, the beautiful pictorials of 1869 being listed as catalog number so and so, and then a value, does not even do justice to those beautiful stamps, and most of them are rare one too. It has always been one thing that I have wondered about, that many people state that they have a U. S. Collection but entirely devoid of all the better items. They would rather pay \$10.00 for a 5 pound box of mixture hoping to find a rarity than they would pay the same amount of money for one of the classics. This is not to say that mixtures do not have their merits but it stands to reason that very remote are the possibilities of ever finding a decent stamp of the classic variety. Perhaps 25 years ago, but not today, at least we have never found one, have you?

It is wondered how many people actually bid on auctions. It seems to me, after scanning many of the lists of bidders on various sales, that the same persons appear time after time, and mostly they are big buyers.

To take a point for argument here, let's say that you receive a catalog of auction material from a certain auction house. Do you know what to do in order to get a bid placed on certain material?

Many times, we have heard people say, "I would like to bid on that lot, but am afraid that if I got it for my price, that I would not like the stamp." Such being the case, what is the answer? The answer is, "Read the description given on the particular stamp, be sure that you understand the terms used in describing. After looking over the lots and finally deciding what you would like to bid on, bid a fair price and above all do not overbid your natural financial means. Bid a fair price and do not try to bid on everything in the book. You will only get into trouble because if you do get the stamps on your bid, you will be expected to pay for them within 3-5 days after receipt. If the stamps are not up to the description, then you may return them without paying for them, but check carefully for the true differences, as we have seen very few ever wrongly described. If there is a seeming difference between what it is and what you think it is, remember that the

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An attempt is being made by use of this column, and later in booklet form, to make as complete as possible a directory of all local and national philatelic societies in the United States. All clubs are asked to send in the needed information so that they may be listed as soon as possible. It is hoped that all stamp club members reading this column will bring this matter to the attention of their club's secretary so as to insure the listing of all clubs. Send information to address given above and not to "Linn's Weekly Stamp News."

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Five Phases Of Stamp Collecting

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SOMETIMES I have thought that you might paraphrase Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man" to describe the different stages of a philatelist's development; but it won't work, really. You can't make seven ages of it. You have got to cut out the "puling infant" at the beginning and "the lean and slippered pantaloons" at the end. We have no infant prodigies in the philatelic cult, and as for the "lean and slippered pantaloons" I can't figure any of the seniors of our pursuit as senile persons. Their philately keeps them young and spry.

Suppose, then, I set down my ideas of Five Phases—not Ages—of Philately. Not ages, mark you. There is no question of age about it. One man will be a capable philatelist at twenty, while a grey-beard of seventy may be still in the junior class. So here goes:

First Phase: the philatelist in his adolescence. No longer a juvenile, storing his stamps with his peg-tops and chewing gum in his breeches pocket, he has learned to keep his specimens clean, knows how to sort them out into countries, understands the use of a stamp mount and a perforation gauge. Maybe he is a good philatelist in the making—maybe not. This is his period of uncertainty. He is standing at the crossroads, maybe desert stamps for model aeroplane or radio experiments. Possibly he is beginning to think about girls. He is still boy enough to be counting up his stamps every other week or so, taking pride in their mounting total. So far he is just a space-filler, taking no thought of the finer points of the hobby.

Second Phase: shows us the philatelist well over his novitiate. He is now collecting on the right lines—still pursuing, perhaps, the chimera of a whole-world collection, but beginning to nibble at a side-line or two. All being well, and barring some serious set-back in business or an emotional storm, he will go straight ahead with his stamps. Perhaps he is engaged and his girl is sympathetic to his hobby—perhaps not. Maybe he is married already. I think it is not very widely understood how large a part is played by women in determining whether or not a man shall proceed with, or abandon, his pursuit of Philately. It is, I think, largely a question of intelligence, for the unintelligent woman usually "sees nothing" in the cult of the stamp and cannot fathom its attractions. However, barring active opposition from this quarter, the philatelist, being now "set" in his hobby, will persevere in it to the limit of the time he is able to spare to it from his work as a breadwinner. And never afterwards will he cease to pursue it and to follow its further development. "Once a philatelist always a philatelist."

Third phase: The most important of all, for now the philatelist, whether young or old or middle-aged, ceases to be merely an accumulator. He sees in stamps something more than the acquisition of all the catalogued items. He abandons, wholly or in part his general collection, perhaps retaining portions of it as the nuclei of special collections of natural history designs, or scenic subjects, or portraits of world-notabilities; or he may follow the example of the many who in recent years have made special collections of commemorative issues. But, more important still, he has reached a stage where mere numbers cease to count, when quality, condition and rarity take pride of place over quantity and the struggle for completeness. In a word he has graduated from generalism to specialism.

Fourth Phase: Herein the philatelist awakens to new possibilities. Convinced that specialism is the one form of collecting that will give him complete satisfaction he chooses the country or group of countries best appealing to his own fancy and sets out towards his chosen goal of perfection in that particular section. No longer regarding the catalogue as the be-all and end-all of his plans, he realises that he must interest himself in the happenings of the pre-stamp area. Perhaps he has chosen for study a colony wherein there was some early system of letter-carrying by native runners; there will be evidence of such a system that he can procure—early letters and envelopes;

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NORTH BORNEO. The Royal Cypher sets for Borneo will not be released in August. Perhaps in September?

SARAWAK. Stanley Gibbons of London announces that only 75,000 complete sets of this issue were printed. This should be a good set. Get it while still available at current prices.

CEYLON. It is almost certain that Ceylon will issue a complete new set when this colony becomes a Dominion.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS. With all the discussion in philatelic periodicals regarding the exploitation of the popularity in this country of Franklin D. Roosevelt, it is to be noted that not a single colony of the British Empire has indulged in this practice. According to the Associated Press, stamp collectors will contribute this year nearly half of the revenue required to operate the government of Cayman Islands. What

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Two men walked into the strand auction rooms of Harmer, Cooke & Co., Ltd., carrying a large cardboard box full of albums and books. They said it belonged to a peeress who wanted to know whether the stamps had much value and whether they were worth selling at auction. The manager estimated the boxful as worth about 50 pounds.

Then one of the men took a small leather jewel box from his pocket, opened it and added it to the heap of other stamps. The man

who saw it held a rolled up block of blue stamps, and when he gently unrolled it, was amazed to find them unused specimens of Great Britain No. 025. Scott catalogues it at \$5,000; Gibbons at £1,700.

Until this block turned up, only 14 specimens of this rarity had been known. The four center stamps are creased and lack gum, but it is the largest known block of this stamp. The only other block (four) is in the National Museum of Ireland, Dublin, and the King's

newly found block will be auctioned by Harmer, Cooke & Co., Ltd., next season.

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New AMG-VG Stamps In Current Series; Color Change On Polish Stamp

From the Penny Black Stamp Co. of New York City we learn



of new stamps in the AMG-VG series and of a change in color in one of the Polish "Cultural" Series. The AMG-VG stamps noted are additional values to the current set. These include a 20 Lire dark red violet on Italy, Scott #474, a 1 Lire Air Mail slate blue on Scott #Q106, and a 25 Lire olive brown. The 50 Lire color change of purple was intended to be issued at this same time. By mistake, the Post Office in Rome sent to the Trieste Post Office a supply of the old issue C112, therefore the 50 Lire in purple will probably make its



appearance at a later date. The 5 ZL stamp of the Culture issue of Poland which was originally issued in olive green has now made its appearance in gray brown in the perforate stamp only.

ports that Michigan and West Virginia have been added to the cigarette taxing states. Who of you readers can verify this and/or show the stamps for recording in this column? -Have you sent a self-addressed and stamped envelope for your 30 different free State Revenues yet? Please use commens on your mail to me requesting these or asking for information. -The catalog of U.S. STATE REVENUES being written by your scribe is being proofread for the last time before being set up in page form up to and including Missouri -THE AMERICAN REVENUE ASSOCIATION numbers 80 prominent and not-so-prominent Revenue specialists on its first membership roster. It's first monthly paper "THE AMERICAN REVENUE" was first issued in August of this year.

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The 25¢ value of the Liberian CIPEX issue is one of four values issued for the event. The full set includes a 5¢ for regular postage, and air values of 12¢, 25¢, and 50¢. The above stamps, plus several others are available at face value from the Liberian Philatelic Agency, 25 Beaver St. New York 4, N.Y.

**Scalping Of Visitors
To Take Place During
The O.P.S. Convention**

WA-HOO'S TO GATHER

Wa-Hoo a fun organization of Philately will gather for the first time in five years. With members in almost every state in the Union, it has become well known by many Philatelic Organizations. Gathering after the close of the exhibit hall it has created more interest in Philatelic Conventions, giving many something to look forward to after the closing of Convention business for the day. It has held rites over the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and as far east as Detroit.

Members of the Tribal Conference met Sunday August 17th and completed plans to entertain the many Wa-Hoo's over the nation and scalp into the organization about 30 new braves.

Membership to the organization is by invitation only.

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CALL OF WA-HOO

All Wa-Hoo's of the tribe of Wa-Hoo are hereby called to assemble in Tulsa Oklahoma September 26th and 27th in connection with the Convention of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society. Purpose to make fun, Scalp new members and Wa-Hoo. Full rites of Wa-Hoo will be 10:00 p.m. Saturday Sept. 27th.

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Should you want to pose a question to your fellow collectors which will stump most of them, just ask if the devil has ever been pictured on a postage stamp. (And we're not talking of Hitler either). The answer is yes, and it was not placed on the stamp purposely by official decree either. The stamp itself is Serbia, Scott, type A11, issued in 1904 and which bears the profile of Karageorge and Peter I. If the stamp is turned upside down, "Old Nick" appears to leer at you.

The fellow who engraved this stamp was a rabid revolutionist who probably saw red continuously and had acid instead of blood in his veins. When the king discovered what this bad egg had done, he had his shell cracked with a nice fast volley of rifle fire.

**New Album Provides
Nice Home For "Match
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Have you ever heard of "Collin's Voltaic Plasters", or "Dalley's Galvanic Horse Salve"? If you haven't heard of these perhaps you have heard of "Brown's Vermifuge Comfits", or all about "Pink Pills For Pale People." Should you still not recognize the names and slogans it might help you to know that these appeared on Private Proprietary Stamps of the last century. Generally, these revenue stamps are known among collectors as "Match and Medicine" stamps.

One of the nicest albums that has ever been produced to contain them has just been published by Donald Mull, 45 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. The pages have been laid out in horizontal format, having dimensions overall of 12" wide and 9" high. They are made of a heavy linen ledger paper, printed on one side only. These are bound in covers of stiff blue cloth, stamped in gold, of a ring type loose leaf construction. The album will therefore lie flat when opened.

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The editor of this column takes great pleasure in going out on a limb and then sawing it off behind him. So we are at it again. This time it's a 1½ Narrow Bureau from De Soto Missouri. It was reported last fall and but few copies have appeared and none seems to have been bathtub or otherwise got into hands of dealers. So if you can dig yourself up a copy of De Soto Mo. 1½ Narrow Bureau salt it away. While on the subject there are nine De Sotos listed in the Postal Guide. One De Soto Sta. in Memphis and a De Soto City in Fla. Three are spelled thus "De-soto" These are in Ga., Ind. and Nebr. The others are in Ill., Iowa, Kansas, Miss., Mo. and Wis.

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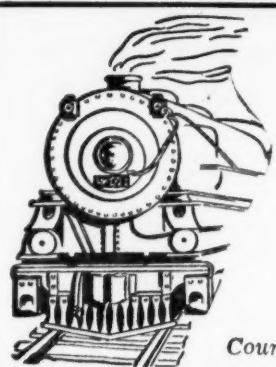
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PART TWO:

(Continued from last week)

The Railway Mail Service

Until the year 1864 the only connection between the railways and the postal service was the carried on trains—and a record and the speed. Only occasionally and the speed. Only occasionally on the part of the route agent. From the beginning of the Civil War the great increase in mail due to that conflict resulted in long delays in transmission and delivery; letters had to be sent to a distributing office, sorted there, made into wrapped packages with the name of their destination written on each, and forwarded from that point. A story is told of a mail pouch sent from Chicago to the Green Bay distributing office in Wisconsin, about 1855, whence its contents were to be shipped to points in the Upper Michigan peninsula. When it was opened at Otonagon a month later, a nest of mice, parents and offspring, was found to have established itself in the pouch. This violation on the part of the mice of the rules of the Postoffice Department impressed at least one postoffice official with the need of a change in the handling of the mail.

George B. Armstrong

George Buchanan Armstrong, assistant postmaster at Chicago, conceived the idea of having the pieces of mail sorted and distributed in mail cars en route. Through the help of Schuyler Colfax, then Speaker of the House, and A. N. Zevely, Third Assistant Postmaster General, he was authorized to test his plan. He prevailed upon the officers of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway to equip some of their mail cars for service as his "traveling postoffice"; and the first run was made August 28th, 1864, from Chicago to Clinton, Iowa. In 1867, as this idea proved itself, the Chicago & Northwestern introduced post-office mail cars, especially built from plans furnished by Armstrong. The great saving of time resulting from this service was at once apparent, other roads, first in the middle west and then in the east, adopted the plan, and before the end of Grant's first term as president of the United States, the practice had become general. Mr. Armstrong had been put in charge of the entire railway mail service of the country, as General Superintendent, in 1869. In the Government Building in Chicago stands a bronze bust erected to his memory in 1881. He died August 5th, 1871. It may truly be said that today, because of the developments following his work as a pioneer, a letter may even reach its destination before a passenger setting out from the same place at the same time.

At The End Of The Last Century

A thumbnail picture of the mail service of railways, as it existed in the latter part of the nineteenth century, is given in the following account. It is not anti-railway. Every railway was a postal route. But the basis of compensation for one thing was unsatisfactory. Cost was directly dependent upon weight, speed of trains, and condition of the property. The government, however, calculated the rate for each "mail route" from the average weight of the mails for that route. The whole matter transported was weighed once each four years, for thirty consecutive working days, and this formed the basis of compensation for the four years following. The Government alone determined the

In 1945, the latest date for which statistics are available, the postoffice department spent about eleven percent of its income for railway transportation of the mails, and about six and a half percent more for the railway mail service. Some two hundred and thirty million dollars was the amount expended in these two categories. Today a railroad gets two mills, one fifth of a cent, for carrying a letter across the continent. And the railroads carry ninety-two percent of all mail transported in the United States.

Special Services By The Railroads

On special occasions recently the railroads have provided special service. In 1939, at the time of the visit of the King and Queen of Great Britain, a special postal car was attached to their train from the time it left the Canadian border, June seventh, to the time it returned to Canada via Rouses Point three days later. Thus the postoffice department was enabled to handle over one hundred thousand covers, with a special postmark to commemorate the occasion.

Similarly, during the months of the World's Fair in New York, in 1939 and 1940, a postal car, in charge of railway postal clerks, was on exhibition on a railway siding. Visitors to the car averaged 5,215 a day, sets of commemorative stamps were sold there to the average daily amount of over a hundred dollars, and the daily deposits of mail was over 2,000 pieces.

The Chesapeake And Ohio

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, a trunk line from the Atlantic seaboard at Newport News, the world's largest ice-free harbor, to Chicago and the west, has had no small part in the development of the mail service. Its route was originally the Midland Trail. Surveyed by George Washington. He planned a great East-West network of canals and post-roads, through what is now known as the Chessie Corridor. In 1785 the James River Company was organized, and was the original predecessor of the C & O, which now traverses the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, as far as Chicago. An example of the present volume of mail carried on this line is a statement by the postmaster of Huntington, West Virginia, (pop. 85,000), that in a single month in 1945 his office cancelled a total of 1,942,339 pieces of mail.

Railway Postal Car No. 106

A further elaboration of present conditions in the railway post-office system is provided by the description of a typical mail route on the Pere Marquette Railway, a connection of the C & O. R.P.O. car No. 106 is attached to train No. 7, on the Grand Rapids-Chicago run. This run is part of the Ninth Division of R.M.S. (there are fifteen in all). On each run the clerks in No. 106 distribute letters for Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Chicago, including Mixed States mail and air mail. Newspaper distribution includes all these States, Missouri, South Dakota, (not Nebraska) and Mixed States. The average distribution each night consists of seventy-six pouches, containing approximately 1065 working letter packages, and 107 sacks of paper mail. A full sized R.P.O. car is sixty feet long, provides 744 letter-case separations, 210 paper and pouch rack separations, and about thirteen and a half feet available storage space.

"Apartment cars" are 15 or 30 foot ends of baggage cars, especially fitted. "Storage cars" are those in which the mail is not "worked." On this train the government allows eighteen to sixty feet of storage space extra. As railroads are paid on the basis of storage space, very accurate records must be kept. At non-stop stations on this route pouches are thrown off, or picked up by a "catch-arm." These pouches are "worked" immediately. Sacks are used for all except first class mail; for first class mail, locked pouches. And all this elaborate and detailed procedure sprang from the beginning made by George B. Armstrong in 1864.

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760.	2.30	804.	.35	905.	3.60
761.	.85	805.	10.95	906.	13.50
772.	2.50	806.	.50	907.	7.50
773.	2.50	807.	.50	908.	3.25
774.	2.50	808.	.50	909.	11.25
775.	2.50	809.	.50	910.	3.25
776.	2.50	810.	.50	911.	3.25
777.	2.75	811.	.50	912.	3.25
778.	.39	812.	.50	913.	3.15
780.	2.75	813.	.50	914.	3.15
781.	.39	814.	.50	915.	3.25
782.	2.75	815.	.50	916.	4.25
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RAILROADS AND THE MAILS

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Ownie

A fitting conclusion to this story of the railroads and the mails may be the history of a famous dog, the only one ever to be adopted by the postoffice department. "Ownie" spent his life in mail cars; beginning in 1888 on the run from Albany to New York City, he was a pet of the mail clerks, who kept attaching tags to his collar till he had 1017. He visited Canada and Alaska, and in 1895 took a trip to Japan, where he was decorated with a medal by the emperor. He went on around the world, and got back to Tacoma, Washington, after 132 days. Unhappily he met an ignominous end, for he was shot on the orders of a postmaster in Cleveland, Ohio, who had never heard of him. The postmaster nearly paid for his ignorance with his own life. During his vacations Ownie had traveled one hundred and forty-three thousand miles. And for many a railway mail clerk the monotony of his labors must have been broken by the presence of this dog, who appreciated the opportunities afforded by the Railway Mail Service.

Note: Mr. Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., Director of Public Relations for The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has informed us that his company will be pleased to forward a copy of the booklet "The Railroads and The Mail" from which the above article was taken, to any interested collectors without cost to them. A request directed to The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, 4500 Chrysler Bldg., New York 17, N. Y. will get you a copy.

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Errors—Colored Inks—Fakes—Shifts & Stuff

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Fig. 2: Bloomfield Type 7-33 Fake in purple ink.

Fig. 4: Ba 'c'onne for Ba 'y'onne Error Type

Fig. 5: Bound Brook inverted "U", Type 5-48

Specializing in my home state has given me an incentive to look a little further into Jersey's precancels than just the ordinary town and type collection. Given an opportunity to look thru a mixture or odd lot of locals it has been quite enlightening to find that it is almost always possible to pick up something out of the ordinary—this may mean the discovery of an error, a colored ink, a fake, shifts, gutters, doubles, etc.

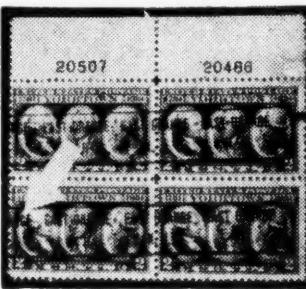


Fig. 1: East Orange Type 6-86 "C" for "G" error.

The identification of the plate position of the well-known East Orange Type 6-86 "C" for "G" error was made and reported to Bert Hoover thru a plate number block of the Yorktown commemorative purchased from one of Bert's own approval books! (Fig. 1) The Bloomfield Type 7-53 fake in purple ink was found in a stamp dealer's box of "junk" precancels priced at one cent each in Washington, D. C. (Fig. 2) However, not all my acquisitions came as easily! Quite on the contrary some commanded fine prices in Bob Briggs or Bert Hoover's Art Bates monthly auctions. One such case was the West Point Pleasant, N. J. vertical pair with the lower stamp bearing transposed lines to read: Pleasant, N. J. West Point. (Fig. 3)

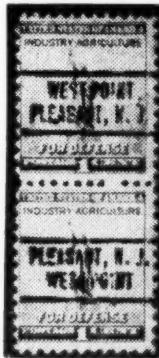


Fig. 3: West Point Pleasant Transposed lines.

This phase of precancel collecting makes an interesting sideline to a town and type collection—and can prove to be a boon to an entry in a competitive exhibit...and I have a blue ribbon to prove that statement.



Fig. 7: Jersey City's N. "C." Error Type 3-77.

The Ba 'c'onne for Ba 'y'onne in Type 1-71 is a well-known error and not too scarce. It occurs 4 times to a sheet. (Fig. 4)

The inverted "U" in Bound Brook Type 5-48 is a fairly new discovery—at least it isn't listed in Parts I or II of Hoover's Catalogue—and I ran into my copy by chance. (Fig. 5)

Gloucester City's printed type face came to light in 1934 on the Mother's Day and Wisconsin issues of commemoratives. An outright fake it bears no similarity to any existing precancel from this city. (Fig. 6)

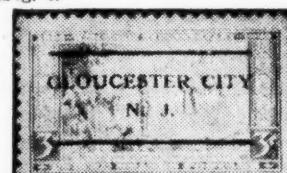


Fig. 6: Fake type found on Mother's Day & Wisconsin commemoratives.



Fig. 8: Plainfield error P'I'ainfield, and low "ai" on normal Type 4-17s.

Jersey City comes into its own with a real error—the state name reads "N. C." instead of "N. J." on type 3-77. Altho neither Part I nor Part II of Hoover's Catalogue lists this error my copy is on a 2-center of the 1922-25, Perf 11 flat plate printing. (Fig. 7)

Plainfield is well known in the precancel field for the very common misspelling of her name. The error P "I"ainfield occurred in the entire 2nd and 7th rows of the plate—thusly creating a fairly large proportion of errors per each printing. The pair illustrated show the "I" for "P" substitution on the right stamp and the previously unreported low "ai" on the left stamp which is otherwise normal. (Fig. 8)

Ridgewood's printed type 4-17 shows a period missing after the "J". (Fig. 9)

Type 2-86 of South River, reported in Part I of Hoover's Catalogue, shows a very fine example of the inverted "J". This stamp was picked up at the PSS Convention in Columbus last year from Don MacBain while he was "selling out". (Fig. 10)

And last of the illustrations: an unreported missing period after the "J" in Summit's Type 3-82. (Fig. 11)

I'd like to say "Thanks, Bert" to Bert Hoover. With the exception of a very few items all measurements, type and style numbers, and other leading facts were taken from Parts I and II of the Official Precancel Stamp Catalogue.



Fig. 9: Ridgewood's missing period Type 4-17.



Fig. 10: South River's inverted "J" Type 2-86.

Fig. 11: Missing Period, Summit Type 3-82.

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492-493	Danzig	(2) .27
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498-501	Leipzig Fair	(4) .42
502-505	Vienna Fair	(4) .38
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558	Lipzigs Numerals	(12) .15
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560	Dove	(15) .36
561	Von Stephan	(2) .06
562	Surcharges	(1) .07
563	Charity 1924	(4) 5.68
564	Coat of Arms	(3) 1.28
565	Coat of Arms	(4) 8.75
566	Hindenburg	(3) 3.85
567	Coat of Arms	(5) 8.05
568	Coat of Arms	(5) 8.40
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573	Charity 1937	(9) 1.50
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575	Hilter Birth	(1) .06
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577	Brown Ribbon	(1) .53
578	Hitler Party	(1) .06
579	Berlin Exhib	(1) 1.13
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.APPROVAL EDUCATION

(Continued from a previous issue)

Following our previous notes about getting approvals from your favorite dealer, we would like to elaborate a little more on the phase of getting approvals from ONE dealer.

We have many times heard collectors say that they deal with so and so dealer due to the fact that he gives something for nothing. Along this line, remember that very few things are given for nothing. If the dealer is giving you something for your patronage, he has done so for one of several reasons. Either he has found you to be a satisfactory customer that he can depend on for a certain turnover each and every specified period or else, he has found your business so profitable to him that he will give you something to add to your collection from a particular deal that netted him a good profit. By this we do not mean that he has made a killing by stealing a collection for practically nothing from some other collector, but mainly due to your steady patronage along with many others that has allowed him to take advantage of a quantity price, and thereby lowered his initial cost.

Along with the above thought, we would like to point out that in the hobby, there are a great number of collectors known as premium hounds. These are the parasites of the hobby today. Do not let yourself become catalogued among this type of collector. A premium hound, in case you do not know, is one that sends for approvals from any dealer because he advertises for example: "Free, 25 diff. triangles if you request approvals." Then after getting the free stamps, they send back the approvals, and state that they have all the stamps sent, and to please hold up further sendings as their Aunt Emma just died, and they have no time for stamps right now! That is a flimsy excuse and also is a definite indication of being a premium hound. They were just working the dealer for the free stamps and nothing more.

Usually, in getting some free stamps from a dealer, he is giving them only for one reason. That is to show his wares to you, with the hopes of making you a steady client for his type of merchandise. He does not give them to you for the fun of it but for good business reasons! If you take advantage of him, he will soon pass the word along to a dealers' protective society, and list you as a premium hound, and then other dealers will soon shun dealing with you. So, in the long run, you are injuring yourself only, in this method because the dealer will profit from his mistakes of having dealt with you.

As we are pointing out many things we have ran across in the past, we come to the stamp switcher. There are such things, and do not ever let anyone tell you that there are not. Usually, their method of working is to switch a poor copy for a fine one, either mint or used, being careful to put back the same type of stamp as that taken. Sometimes it takes a sharp eye to pick out the final difference as some collectors only try to better their condition a little better than they already have. This is one of the lowest forms of stamp collecting. Usually, the stamps involved are only 2c stamps at that. We are not attempting to start a new wave of switchers but rather to tell you as a collector just what not to do, in order to get along with your dealer in the best manner. If anyone should try this method after we have pointed it out, they will be found out in

quick order, and again we say, you will injure only yourself, as your credit standing will not be good for long. The amount that might be gained by this or any other method, other than an honest one, is so small that the appreciable gain is not worth it.

Now that we have shown a few of the sordid parts of stamp collecting we would like to point out some of the pleasures.

When you buy from a dealer, whether it be one dollar's worth or many dollars worth, you will be the richer for having played the game honest and above board.

Many dealers will solicit your wants, your kind patronage and give you service that will make you feel that you are king of the walk. That is a good feeling to have. You have earned it by your intelligent ordering, your prompt return of his approvals, your considerate method of doing just as instructed in each selection that he has sent you, and finally for your regular payments and purchases. If you wish even greater service, do not jump around from one dealer to another, just because some dealer prices an item 2c below your dealer's, and then go back to your old dealer for the remainder of the lower-priced items. Give your dealer a break by buying those items that are a little higher, once in a while, as he has to sell them at that price in order to maintain his stock on an equal basis.

Many collectors do not realize the work involved in dealing in stamps. If they had any clear idea of the amount of time, effort, money and the long disheartening hours put in to cater to the whims of collectors they would be a little more lenient with the dealers. Of course, this is not to say that some dealers do not merit scorn for their business methods but as a whole, they are hard working people. Many dealers burn a lot of midnight oil just to better their service to satisfy their customers. Remember that the stamps you buy from your dealer, as a general rule, are his livelihood, and represent a lot of money tied up, in order to give you that which you wish and that it is practically impossible to always have the exact stamp that you require, in the condition you require. So, if he tells you that he has to backorder a certain stamp, do not fly off the handle and say, "I'll quit him", he is doing the very best that he can and nine times out of ten, he will eventually come up with the stamp you want at a fair price.

A fair price, that is not marked up too much and sometimes not at all. Sometimes the dealer sells the stamp at exactly his cost because he knows that you are not going to pay a penny more than his cost. He counts that off to service and rightly so, if you stick to him.

Tenth Annual Issue Wildlife Stamps Made By Conservation Group

Those who are attracted to the various poster stamps produced by organizations for the promotion of their projects, probably know by now of the yearly issue of these printed under the auspices of the National Wildlife Federation, 1129 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C. These seals picture in natural colors the birds, animals, insects, fishes, reptiles and the flora of the United States. The sheets of these poster stamps this year contain 64 different pictures, and is the Tenth Annual such sheet issued. Each year the subject matter depicted on the stamps is different, so that in the ten years to date, one could have quite a colorful collection of the wildlife on the North American continent.

According to a list sent along with this years stamps, the National Wildlife Federation are in a position to supply back issues of these stamps, and also to supply special albums for them. Besides this there are offerings of other items that would be of interest to sportsmen and persons interested in wildlife.

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H. R. Harmer Ltd. the New Bond St. auctioneers of London, England announce that the new Season bids fair to become outstanding.

Instructions have been received to offer many very important properties, including the "Charles Williams" Collections of Great Britain, Ceylon, Gibraltar, New Zealand, Transvaal and Zululand, formed by the late Charles Williams, Esq., F.R.P.S., L. (provisionally scheduled for November 10th/ 11th and 17th/ 18th). Many large General and British Empire Collections have also been received as well as many exceptionally fine Specialized Collections, notably Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Netherlands and Colonies, Newfoundland, Rhodesia, United States and Indian Native States.

The valuable British Empire Collection formed by the late Teddy Brown, Esq., is included in the British Empire Sale of September 29th/ 30th.

The late Teddy Brown, famous American xylophonist, lived for more than 20 years in this country and played at all the well-known Music Halls.

First Day Figures For 25c Air Mail Stamp

We learn from the Post Office Department that the number of stamps sold on the first day of issue of the new 25c air mail stamp at San Francisco on July 30 was 349,700. The number of covers cancelled amounted to 201,762.

Centennial Covers Of Holland, Michigan

We are indebted to two collectors in the Netherlands for covers commemorating the Centennial for the town of Holland, Michigan. One is J. Van Deth of Blaricum, Holland, the other Henri Mol of Steenwyk, Holland. The commemoration took place on August 11 and was enhanced when the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, made a special flight to Holland, Mich. with a load of commemorative covers. On one cover we note one of those fancy foreign cancellations which depicts a church and has the wording, "1847-1947 Eeuwfeest, Holland, Mich., U.S.A." This same cover is also back-stamped with a regular machine cancel of Holland, Mich.

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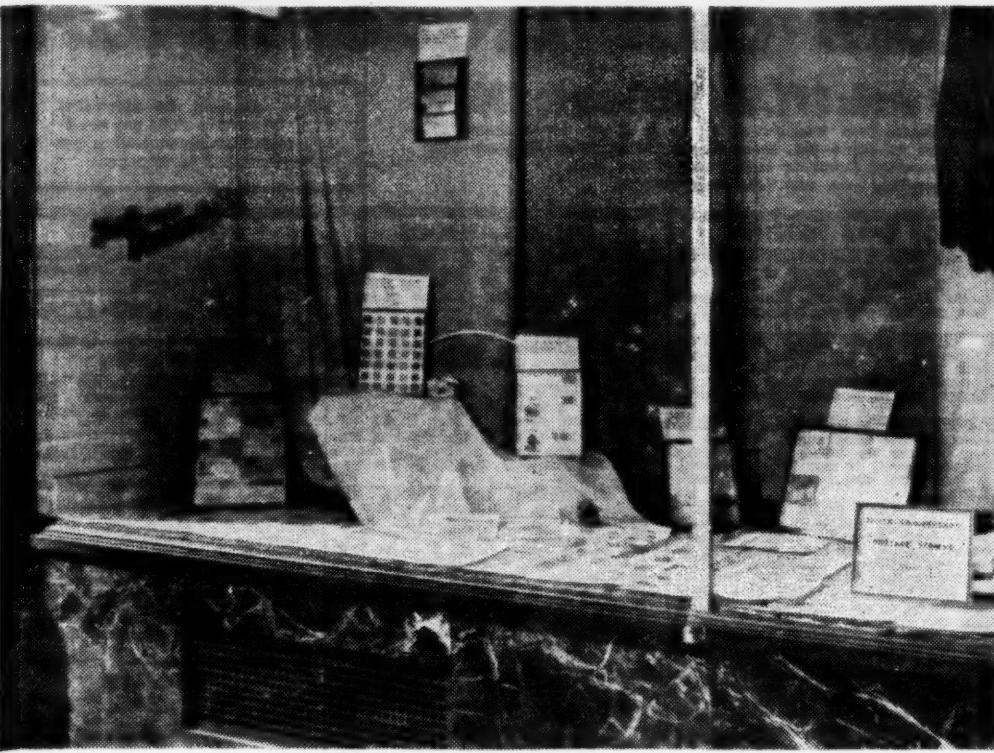
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The other person who has been keenly interested in gathering information about the design is Mr. H. E. Bishop, Administrator, Guthrie Clinic, Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, Pa. In order to establish the source of the design used on the stamp, Mr. Bishop wrote to the Postmaster General requesting this information. He received a reply as follows.

"This issue was produced from a print of the painting "The Doctor" by Sir Luke Fildes furnished by the American Medical Association for the purpose. We have been informed that the original painting hangs in the Tate Gallery in London and that the one you have at the Guthrie Clinic, Robert Packer Hospital, is the original study."

Since no indication is made from which painting the print was made that was submitted by the A. M. A. to the Post Office Department, the matter still remains in the dark. Only from a study of the print in comparison with the two paintings can any kind of a definite decision be made. And as of this date, no one has done this.

Greece Issues New Charity Stamps And Provisional Values

Greece has resorted to the overprinting of several current stamps to meet the requirements of postage values which have been used up and which have not been supplied from the state printer. Yet these are two in number. The first of the provisionals is a 30 drachma surcharge on Scott's type A104, stamp #438. The second is a 20 drachma surcharge on type A111, stamp #446. Both surcharges are in red with the amount contained in a fancy box on each stamp.

An overprint and surcharge of new value has been applied to Scott's type PT7, stamp #RA62, 50 lepta gray green, as a means of supplying money for the Postal Clerks Welfare Fund. The new value is 50 drachmas, while the overprint denotes the charity to which the surtax is to be applied. The overprint is in red. News of these stamps has been sent by P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place, Athens, Greece. First day of issue was August 11.

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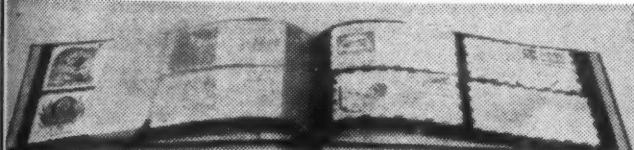
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"Your correspondents have got the particulars somewhat mixed, and the following is authentic. The candidates exhausted the supply of the 1d. green some six weeks before the Provisional was issued. During those six weeks the GPO used their reserve supply of 1/2d. values but these also were exhausted before a further supply of 1d. green could be received; this was due, according to rumor, to the fact that the Crown Agents were busy with the Royal Visit sets.

"It should be realized also that as many 1d. stamps are used for Revenue purposes as for postal ones. All receipts for cash over £2 have to carry a penny stamp thereon. Consequently, after using 2 of 1/2d. stamps on each receipt

for some six weeks most business cashiers were glad to get penny stamps once again, and all business firms were allowed to buy their usual requirements which in some cases was £10 per week down to say £2 according to the known business of the firm.

"Those firms with whom stamp collectors were employed may have taken advantage of this and secured more than their normal needs, but, as there are very few collectors in this island, these could not have been many. The

ordinary public were allowed to buy 30 per person on the first day, but this was reduced next day to 12 per person, so everyone had a chance to purchase some if they so wanted. It was only after they were withdrawn from sale that speculators commenced to buy any, so those held by them cost them around 2/- per copy. I hope these notes will clarify the situation somewhat."

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Starting with 1847, this book pictures every United States Postage stamp in actual size, all the Newspaper Stamps, the Special Delivery and Special Handling Stamps, the Parcel Post Stamps, the Registration stamp, all the Official Stamps, the Air Mail Issues including the rare Graf Zeppelin issue. In fact every stamp issued by our Government since the first stamps of 1847. Envelopes, Revenues and such items are not included.

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Antarctic Claims Of Argentina On New Stamps

The above cover bears the new issue of stamps produced by Argentina indicating its claims to a segment of the Antarctic regions. It is similar to an issue of Chile which was printed in the past few months and which that country used for the same purpose. The above stamps are a 5c. light violet (block) and a 20c henna. The other stamps are current airmail stamps of that country and show the 2.50P. and the 1P. values. We picture the above cover through the courtesy of Joseph J. Goldberg, Culver City, Calif.

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If the stamps issued by Switzerland for the 100th Anniversary of Swiss railroads doesn't make some converts to the collection of foreign stamps, or to the formation of a topical collection of railroad stamps we'll be surprised. These four stamps are certainly

beauties and have to be seen to be appreciated. Even though they were illustrated in a black and white picture in the pages of this paper of August 4, we heard quite a bit of favorable comment about them then.

We know that a number of people took advantage of the opportunity to get the first day of issue and the Jubilee cancels offered at that time by the Swiss

Philatelic Agency. These cancels were two in number and were applied on special runs of the Jubilee Train from Baden to Zurich one way, and from Zurich to Baden the other. Mounted on a black page, these stand out like jewels. Dr. Paul M. Kast of Akron, Ohio showed us his cover with a jubilee cancel and with the Anniversary stamps.

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